

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A golf ball comprising a plurality of linearly or curvilinearly extending ridge-like lands, which are separate from each other, on its a spherical surface of the golf ball.
2. (currently amended): The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the ridge-like lands are combined-grouped to define a multiplicity of cavities.
3. (original): The golf ball of claim 2 wherein the cavities have a polygonal shape in plane.
4. (currently amended): ~~The golf ball of claim 3~~ A golf ball comprising a plurality of linearly or curvilinearly extending ridge-like lands on a spherical surface of the golf ball, wherein the ridge-like lands are combined to define a multiplicity of cavities, and wherein one polygonal cavity has corners at least one of which is formed with a gap through which the one cavity is in communication with another polygonal cavity that is disposed adjacent to the one cavity via a land.

5. (original): The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the lands include at least one shape element selected from I, T, L, H and crisscross shapes.
6. (original): The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the lands have a height of 0.05 to 0.4 mm and a width at their base of 0.8 to 2.0 mm.
7. (original): The golf ball of claim 1 wherein the total number of lands is 300 to 600.
8. (new): The golf ball of claim 1, wherein the lands have a top portion that approximates an apex of a triangle in a cross-sectional shape.
9. (new): The golf ball of claim 1, wherein the lands have a top portion that approximates a top of a trapezoid in a cross-sectional shape.
10. (new): The golf ball of claim 1, wherein the lands have a round top portion.
11. (new): The golf ball of claim 5, wherein the lands have at least two ends in a longitudinal direction thereof.

12. (new): The golf ball of claim 1, wherein the lands have a length of at least 1.0 mm and up to 8.0 mm.

13. (new): The golf ball of claim 1, wherein the lands have different lengths in combination that are relatively short, medium and long.

14 (new): A golf ball comprising a plurality of linearly or curvilinearly extending ridge-like lands, which are separate from each other on a spherical surface of the golf ball, wherein said lands have different lengths and shapes and are arranged over the spherical surface.

15. (new): The golf ball of claim 14, wherein the lands include at least one shape element selected from I, T, L, H and crisscross shapes.